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SUBJECT:RADIO/TV TRAVELING MEDIA REPORT; OCTOBER 28 MORNING

FOR AMB ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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1. RICHARD VALERIANI, NBC-TV, TODAY SHOW FROM MOSCOW:
VALERIANI REPORTED THAT FM GROMYKO CAME OUT TO THE AIRPORT
TO SEE THE KISSINGERS OFF. REFERRING TO THE TALKS,
VALERIANI REPORTED QUOTE: THE EXTRAORDINARY LENGTH OF
THE MEETING WHICH LASTED TO MIDNIGHT SUGGESTED THE TWO
SIDES WERE MAKING AN EXTRA EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN
ADVANCE OF THE MEETING BETWEEN BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT
FORD NEAR VLADIVOSTOK NEXT MONTH. AS A RESULT OF
KISSINGER'S EXTENSIVE TALKS HERE, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 19
HOURS WITH BREZHNEV, THE OUTLINE OF A NEW AMERICAN -
SOVIET AGREEMENT ON LIMITING OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAS
BEGUN TO TAKE SHAPE. THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE SOME POSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT READY BY THE TIME OF
THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING ON NOVEMBER 23RD. BUT,
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EVEN IF THEY DON'T, THEY ARE STILL SHOOTING FOR A

SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE WASHINGTON SUMMIT NEXT JUNE. END QUOTE.

2. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO, 8 AM (CBS WORLD NEWS

ROUNDUP) FROM NEW DELHI: QUOTE: AFTER KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH PM GANDHI, AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MEETING HAD REMOVED PAST MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND RESET THE COURSE FOR BETTER RELATIONS. MRS. GANDHI WAS LESS ECSTATIC BUT STILL POSITIVE. SHE TOLD REPORTERS WITH ANY TWO COUNTRIES LIKE WITH ANY TWO INDIVIDUALS THINGS GO UP AND DOWN, WE ARE NOW ON THE WAY UP. SHE DID REFER TO THE DOWN SIDE OF THE RELATIONSHIP YESTERDAY, HOWEVER. SHE IMPLIED TO AN INDIAN NEWSMAN THAT KISSINGER'S POLICY WAS, AS SHE PUT IT, RATHER PECULIAR IN THAT HE TENDED TO REGARD INDIA AS MARGINAL TO HIS SENSE OF GLOBAL STRATEGY. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES IN INDIAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS EXIST, BOTH SIDES TODAY AGREED TO SET UP A JOINT COMMISSION TO FACILITATE COOPERATION IN SCIENCE, TRADE, EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY. KISSINGER SPOKE AT THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF WORLD AFFAIRS SAYING THAT PRESIDENT FORD WANTS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ALL DISPUTES ON THE ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT, FREE FROM OUTSIDE PRESSURE OR INTRUSION. AT THE SAME TIME KISSINGER URGED THE INDIANS NOT TO EXPORT THEIR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO ANYONE ELSE. END QUOTE.

2A. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO FROM NEW DELHI: QUOTE: IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE U.S. WILL SOON RESUME FOOD SHIPMENTS TO INDIA, AS MUCH AS 3 TO 5 HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS. NOT MUCH CONSIDERING THAT INDIA MAY NEED AS MUCH AS 4 OR 5 MILLION TONS TO OFFSET A POOR HARVEST AND ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT. AMERICAN FOOD SHIPMENTS WERE CUTOFF JUST PRIOR TO THE 1971 WAR. END QUOTE.

3. MARVIN KALB, CBS RADIO FROM NEW DELHI: QUOTE: KISSINGER APPEALED TO THE INDIANS TODAY BOTH PRIVATELY AND PUBLICLY NOT TO EXPORT THEIR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO ANYONE ELSE AND TO LIMIT THAT TECHNOLOGY TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY. DURING HIS TALKS WITH PM GANDHI, UNCLASSIFIED

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DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN GLOWING TERMS, THE TALKS REMOVED PAST MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ONE OF THEM RECOUNTED. DURING THESE TALKS, THE INDIANS REPEATED THAT THEIR NUCLEAR EXPLOSION LAST MAY WAS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THEY HAD NO PRESENT PLANS TO EXPLOIT THEIR TECHNOLOGY TO ANYONE ELSE. KISSINGER'S POINT WAS THAT INDIA'S NUCLEAR TEST HAD HEIGHTENED OLD FEARS IN NEIGHBORING PAKISTAN AND PAKISTAN IS NOW ASKING THE U.S.

FOR NEW AMERICAN MILITARY SUPPORT. IF THE U.S. DECISION ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN REACHED, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. KISSINGER CAME TO INDIA TO PUSH FOR BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND HE SEEMS TO BE SUCCEEDING; MRS GANDHI SAYING AT ONE POINT TODAY

"THINGS GO UP AND DOWN, WE ARE NOW ON THE WAY UP." END QUOTE.

4. TED KOPPEL, WWDC RADIO (ABC NEWS) FROM NEW DELHI - SUNDAY PM, OCT. 27: QUOTE: KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN ON THE FLIGHT TO NEW DELHI THAT THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT A STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT COULD BE FINALIZED BY NEXT JUNE WHEN BREZHNEV COMES TO THE UNITED STATES FOR A FULL SUMMIT MEETING. END QUOTE.

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